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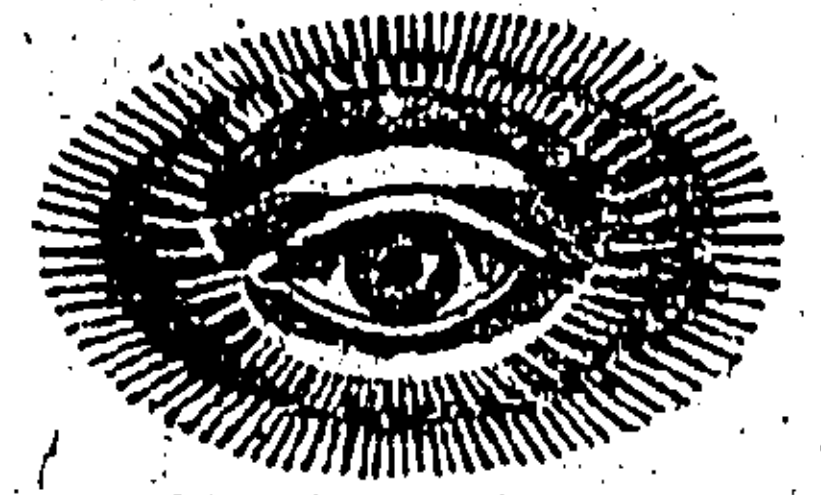
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NEWSPAPER LIBEL CASE.

HAYNES v. BURNETT.

"NO CASE TO ANSWER."

Judge Says A Lot Made Out Of Little.

WORDS "HAYNES DISCHARGED" HELD NOT DEFAMATORY.

Agreeing with counsel for the defendant that there was no case to answer, His Honour Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, Puisne Judge, this morning in the Summary Court gave judgment with costs for Mr. G. W. C. Burnett, managing editor of the "China Mail," against whom L. E. Haynes brought an action for alleged libel, claiming \$1,000 damages.

Plaintiff appeared in person and defendant was represented by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., instructed by Mr. A. el Arculli.

Haynes, in the course of his address, alleged on the part of the "China Mail" malice, deliberate attacks and persecution, and said he was not bringing the action for pecuniary reward but to fight "Kaiserism."

When His Lordship intimated that there was no case Haynes said that the best thing for a man like himself to do was to throw himself into the harbour.

Mr. O. T. Breakspear, editor of the "Daily Press" (under subpoena) and Mr. J. T. Dobbie, an ex-employee of the "China Mail," gave evidence on behalf of Haynes.

Delivering judgment His Lordship said that the words complained of, "Haynes Discharged," were not defamatory nor could be said to have that interpretation. He considered that an attempt had been made to make a lot out of little.

"THE BEST THING—THE HARBOUR."

Haynes, in opening his case, gave details of his former activities commencing when he was twenty-two years of age and acting as Secretary to a Company in London. His father put \$2,000 into this concern so that Haynes could secure the position. Upon discovering that the firm was a bogus one, he resigned and eight months later, whilst with his people in South Devon, he was arrested on a charge of conspiracy. One of the Directors committed suicide and the others were sent to penal servitude. Haynes was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the second division. He appealed and although Mr. Cecil Whitely was successful in getting the sentence antedated to the time of his (Haynes) arrest, the conviction could not be removed.

Haynes went on to say that many a young man in his position, under such circumstances, would have taken the first boat to Canada, Australia or some place where he was unknown and commenced again. But he did not do that. He had been in China, liked China and was determined to go back and clear his name. He did so.

Arrives in Hong Kong. Then Haynes gave an account of his activities as a member of the staff of the "Mercury" in Shanghai. Here, he said, he quarrelled with the Directors and left after nearly three years and then became night editor of Reuters where he remained six months. He resigned on his own account as he did not like night work.

On September 1, 1926, he said, he arrived in Hong Kong. He interviewed Mr. Burnett, who gave him a job "on the spot."

"I got on very well except with one member of his staff with whom I worked some years ago in the Malay States and a break came so I gave him notice and I left on February 28."

At St. Joseph's. Haynes, continuing, said he took up a position as a resident master of St. Joseph's College. Mr. Burnett and himself had parted on the best of terms. Nothing occurred until December 13.

In reply to His Lordship, Haynes said he was doing nothing on that date. He was not on the staff but he contributed as a free lance.

Coming to December 13, Haynes described his call upon Mr. Burnett in reference to the question of remuneration for work done on the previous Saturday. Then, said Haynes, he was at the Magistrate's in the morning, reported lawn bowls in the afternoon and also reported the "Tung On" piracy for the "Sunday Herald."

Mr. Burnett disputed the claim alleging that he was not engaged by him (Mr. Burnett) appearing for plaintiff, said he

TOURISTS' PANIC.

Fire on Luxor Train-de-Luxe.

LADIES' SPARSE ATTIRE.

Kodak Millionaire's Hurried Departure.

Cairo, Yesterday. Strange scenes accompanied the belated arrival from Luxor of a train de luxe crowded chiefly with American tourists who rushed, clad in pyjamas or borrowed clothing, to catch a special train for Alexandria and board the "White Star" liner. The Kodak millionaire, Mr. Eastman, drove from a hotel clad in a pyjama jacket and serge trousers. Lady passengers concealed the sparseness of their attire beneath cloaks.

Startled From Sleep. The reason was that a fire occurred en route, attributed to the overheating of an axle, which spread ultimately to and destroyed two sleeping-coaches.

Passengers were awakened from sleep precipitately and escaped, abandoning clothes and valuables. There were no casualties, except cuts and bruises.

The engine-driver, on observing the flames, stopped the train at Minieh.—Reuter.

NEW YORK ROW

ARRIVAL OF HUNGARIAN DELEGATES.

MISTAKE ABOUT A "BOMB."

New York, Yesterday. There was considerable disorder when a crowd of three-thousand people on the waterfront awaited the arrival of 672 Hungarian delegates to participate in the unveiling of a memorial to the Hungarian national hero, Kossuth.

A flashlight photo was taken but the crowd thought that a bomb had exploded. Revolvers were fired but there were no casualties.

The police dispersed the crowd and escorted the delegates to their hotel, which was guarded to prevent disturbances by the "Hungarian Liberals," who are bitter opponents of the present regime in Hungary.—Reuter's American Service.

PRINCESS MARY.

ARRIVES IN EGYPT ON HOLIDAY.

Cairo, Yesterday. Princess Mary and Lord Lascelles have arrived and were cordially welcomed. They motored to the Residency with Lord and Lady Lloyd and go to Khartoum on Friday; they return to Cairo on March 31.—Reuter.

was a newspaper editor by profession but at present unemployed. He had had twenty-nine and a half years' experience and had known Haynes twelve or thirteen years.

On Saturday, December 11 last, he was on the staff of the "China Mail" and "Sunday Herald" and on that day Haynes covered the engagements he had outlined. On the following Monday there was an interview between witness and the defendant at which the latter said he refused to pay Haynes for the work done, observing that, as he (witness) had engaged Haynes, he must be expected to pay. On that day (December 11) Haynes had worked for practically seventeen consecutive hours.

Witness, in reply to further questions, said that the matter was eventually settled by the payment of \$20 upon the condition that he would in no way suffer. On January 10 he was given notice.

Haynes: On what grounds? His Lordship overruled the question, remarking that Mr. Dobbie's position was not involved in the case.

Further questioned, Mr. Dobbie said he was present at the Magistrate's hearing of the Law Society action and did not hear the word "Discharged," used.

Newspaper Reports. Cross-examined by Mr. Alabaster, Mr. Dobbie admitted that he did not take any report of what occurred at the Magistrate's on that day.

LONDON'S WELCOME.

Afghan Royalty At The Guildhall.

LORD MAYOR'S FUNCTION.

Strengthening Bonds Of Two Countries.

London, Yesterday. King Amanullah and Queen Souriya of Afghanistan had a wonderful welcome from the City of London to-day when they were guests of the Lord Mayor and Corporation at the Guildhall.

Driving from Buckingham Palace with an escort of Life Guards, they were cheered all the way to the Guildhall by considerable crowds; King Amanullah saluted in acknowledgment while Queen Souriya smiled happily.

The distinguished assemblage was gathered in the library of the

REDS IN JAPAN.

Round Up At Tokyo.

Tokyo, To-day. About 100 Communists were rounded up shortly after midnight as the result of investigations which the police have been conducting since the Elections last month.

Handbills attacking the present form of Government have been discovered in various parts of the country.—Reuter.

Guildhall. It included Sir Austen Chamberlain (Foreign Secretary) and other members of the Government. Admiral Madden and Field-Marshal Milne, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald (the Labour leader), the Archbishop of Canterbury and prominent representatives of all spheres of civic life; many were accompanied by the ladies.

Trumpets and Drums.

The arrival of the Afghan King was announced to the assembly by a fanfare of trumpets and the rattle of drums. Their Majesties were greeted by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoresse, the latter presenting a bouquet to Queen Souriya. The Aldermen and Sheriffs in their robes, the Afghan Minister and members of the Legation, Field-Marshal Viscount Allenby and the British officers attendant on the Afghan King preceded the Duke and Duchess of York and Princess Arthur of Connaught.

Visitors Impressed. Then came the Queen of Afghanistan and the Lord Mayor,

JAIL FOR LIFE.

Sequel To Attempted Murder At Singapore.

A CANTONESE COMMUNIST.

Singapore, Yesterday. The Chinese Communist, Cheong Yok-kai, was sentenced to imprisonment for life in connection with the wounding of Dr. Lim Boon-keng.—Reuter.

Cheong is believed to be a Cantonese. When Dr. C. C. Wu, Mr. Sun Fo and Mr. Hu Han-min (the ex-Nationalist Ministers), with their staffs, attended a function at Singapore on their way to Europe, an attempt was made on their lives but only Dr. Lim, ex-president of Amoy University, who was one of the hosts, was injured. Before leaving Singapore, Dr. C. C. Wu, made a request for leniency. The prisoner made a confession.

followed by King Amanullah and the Lady Mayoresse.

When the King and Queen entered the library, they were evidently impressed by the scene—an ancient hall glowing with the colour of the robes of the "City Fathers" and brilliant military uniforms.

Their Majesties were enthroned on either side of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoresse, while members of the Royal Family occupied golden chairs to the left.

Address of Welcome. The Recorder of the City read the address of welcome to their Afghan Majesties, thanking them for the honour of their visit which illustrated "the friendly relations happily subsisting between your Majesty and our beloved Sovereign."

The address expressed the hope that the bonds of peace and friendship might be strengthened still further and that "increased trade

CUP SEMI-FINALS.

Scottish Soccer Draw Result.

VENUES OF TWO MATCHES.

One Each At Glasgow And Edinburgh.

London, Yesterday. The draw for the Scottish Football Association Cup semi-finals to be played on March 24 was made to-day and resulted as follows:—

Hibernian v. Rangers, at Tynecastle Park, Edinburgh, the ground of Heart of Midlothian F.C.

Celtic v. Queen's Park, at Ibrox Park, Glasgow, the ground of Rangers F.C.

[Note: Celtic are holders. All four semi-finalists have won the trophy before, Celtic 12 times, Queen's Park 9 times in the early days, Rangers and Hibernians once each.]
Other football on page 9.

EAST AND FAR EAST.

SYSTEM OF LICENSED HOUSES.

INQUIRY TO EXTEND.

Geneva, Yesterday.

The Advisory Committee of the League of Nations on traffic in women and children has decided in principle to extend the inquiry of the special body of experts to countries in the East and Far East. The matter will be reconsidered at the next session when it may be thought possible to make definite recommendations. Meanwhile, the Committee enlists the assistance of members and voluntary societies represented in the draft of the British resolution and earnestly hopes that the Governments of all countries which retain the system of licensed houses will investigate the question without delay.

The Committee has noted the fact that twenty-three out of forty-two countries, members or non-members of the League, have abolished licensed houses; nineteen countries have retained them under the regulations of the Committee. The opinion is that this system is doomed to disappear in time.—Reuter.

tries and more thorough interchange of ideas between our peoples may result in increased prosperity and enhanced happiness to both."

Thus interpreted, and the address was handed to the King in a gold casket.

The King's Reply.

King Amanullah rose to reply amid loud cheers. He thanked the citizens of London for their warm welcome and declared that "the friendly relations existing between His Britannic Majesty and myself should be a great factor in future political and commercial relations between the British and Afghan nations and assure me of promotion of natural relations between the two countries in conformity with mutual wishes."

The procession was again formed and the Royal visitors were conducted to the banquet hall where magnificent decorations and the glitter of the City's famous gold plate presented a dazzling scene.

Foreign Office Dinner. To-night Sir Austen Chamberlain gave a dinner at the Foreign Office in honour of King Amanullah.

The Prince of Wales was present and the guests included the premier, members of the Cabinet, Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Liberal and Labour leaders, the High Commissioners of Overseas Dominions, and high military officers. There were no speeches but the usual toasts were honoured.—British Wireless Service.

London's Welcome.

Dense overhead fog plunged the whole of Central London in darkness this morning and threatened to rob some of its splendour the processional drive of the King and Queen of Afghanistan to the Guildhall, where they were being entertained at luncheon by the Lord Mayor of London.

The weather, however, improved later and large crowds lined the streets to see the royal visitors drive past.—British Wireless Service.

NANKING OUTRAGE.

REDUCTION IN DEMANDS?

A CHANGE OF VIEW.

Result of Canton And Shanghai Conferences.

BRITAIN, PRIME MOVER, IN TOUCH WITH THE POWERS.

Router learns that Britain and other Powers are prepared to reduce the demands presented to the Nanking Nationalist Government in 1927 in consequence of the Nanking anti-foreign outrages.

It is felt that the situation has changed, in view of the fact that the outrages were undoubtedly engineered by the Bolshevik element which has now been expelled from control of Chinese affairs. The change in view is the result of conferences at Canton between Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister, and Marshal Li Chai-sum, Chairman of the Canton Government, and Sir Miles's conversation with Mr. Huang Fu, the Nationalist Foreign Minister at Shanghai.

There are no indications of the exact nature of these discussions but it is understood that Britain is keeping the Powers concerned fully informed of the progress of the discussions.

Conversations with the Nationalist authorities are also proceeding through the British Consul-General at Nanking.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIONALISTS.

Mr. W. M. Hewlett, C.M.G., is the acting British Consul-General at Nanking, according to the latest official information.

The announcement that Sir Miles Lampson had conferred with Marshal Li Chai-sum and the Nanking Nationalists on the subject of last year's incident at Nanking comes as a total surprise.

General Cheng Chien, commander of the 6th Nationalist Army, was in charge when the Nationalists captured Nanking from the Peking garrison on March 23, 1927.

Armed hordes made for the Consulates, foreign firms and residences and missionary institutions immediately they entered.

The Casualties.

In the course of the day, the following were murdered:—
Dr. J. E. Williams (Vice-President of Nanking University), an American; Mr. Huber (Harbour Master of the Customs), British; Dr. L. S. Smith (medical practitioner), British; a French priest; and an Italian priest.

A British bluejacket was killed by a sniper's bullet.

Mr. Bertram Giles (British Consul-General), Captain Spear (British Intelligence Officer), Major

Nemoto (Japanese), Police Superintendent, Mr. (Japanese), and Miss Anna Moffatt (Presbyterian Mission) were wounded. Several foreign women were subjected to the grossest indignities. Looting and attacks on foreigners continued throughout the day and it was not until a party from the American Consulate which had reached Socony Hill, in sight of the River, signalled for assistance from the foreign warships, that action was taken by H.M.S. "Emerald" and the U.S.S. "Noah" and "Freston."

Powers' Notes.

Notes were presented to General Chiang Kai-shek of the Nanking Nationalist Government and Mr. Eugene Chen of the Hankow Nationalist Government by representatives of Britain, United States, Japan, France and Italy, asking for

"Prompt settlement . . . Adequate punishment of the commanders of the troops responsible for the murders, personal injuries and indignities and material damage done, as also of all persons found to be implicated."

"Further Action?"

"Apology in writing by the Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Armies including an express written undertaking to refrain from all forms of violence and agitation against foreign lives and property. Complete reparation of personal injuries and material damage done."

"Unless the Nationalist authorities demonstrate to the satisfaction of the interested Governments their intention to comply promptly with these terms the said Governments will find themselves compelled to take such measures as they consider appropriate."

Mr. Eugene Chen replied at length at each note but General Chiang Kai-shek did not reply.

Subsequent Developments.

On May 9, 1927, Sir Austen Chamberlain informed the House of Commons that

"The five Governments were already discussing the further action to be taken in view of the unsatisfactory nature of Mr. Chen's reply, when events took place in the Yangtze region which have entirely changed the position."

Within four days after the date of Mr. Chen's reply, that united Government in South China (i.e., at Hankow) no longer existed and Mr. Chen . . . no longer spoke for Nationalist China . . .

Subsequently General Chiang Chien was also given command of the 16th and 18th Nationalist Armies. He is now one of the leaders of the Nationalist forces in Hunan and Hupeh provinces.

Chiang Kai-shek.

Nanking, Yesterday. Small batches of Nationalist troops have been moving in this vicinity.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is due to leave Nanking to-morrow (Thursday) for his field headquarters at Hsuehchow, in the north of Kiangsu province.—British Wireless Service.

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11 Drums Celt.
9 Drums Fixom.
27 Electric Excess Indicators.
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3 Bags Iron Nuts.
3 Cases Hide Cutting.
177 Cases Cloves.
6 Bags Shelled Peanuts.
35 Bags Sago.
5 Bags Fish Maw.
25 Cases Purifying Liquid.
220 Bags Powder.
3 Cases Feather.
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The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 20th March, 1928 (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 6th March, 1928.

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THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 13th March, 1928, until WEDNESDAY, the 21st March, 1928, both days inclusive.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 1st March, 1928.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on MONDAY, the 26th March, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1927.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 26th March, 1928, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
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The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 6th March, 1928.

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THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 17th March, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 2 p.m. The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1 for all persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5 each up to Friday, 16th March, 1928.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2. Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meetings.

Hong Kong, 12th March, 1928.

NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. O. Building, on FRIDAY, 16th March, 1928, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1927, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be CLOSED from 3rd March, 1928 to 16th March, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

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THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at P. O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 12.10 o'clock in the afternoon on FRIDAY, the 16th day of March, 1928, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution:—

"That the capital of the Company be increased from its present capital of \$3,000,000 (Hong Kong Currency) divided into "300,000 shares of \$10 each to \$6,000,000 (Hong Kong Currency) divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original capital of the Company."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon on MONDAY, the 2nd day of April, 1928, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming the above Resolution as a Special Resolution.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on MONDAY, the 2nd day of April, 1928, at 12.40 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the above Meeting shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions, namely:—

1. "That the Directors be, and they are hereby authorised, to 'capitalise the sum of \$1,500,000 profits of the Company 'standing to the credit of the 'Company's Reserve Fund and to 'allot to the members holding 'shares of the Company as on 'the 1st day of July, 1928, in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal 'value in the proportion of one 'share for every two shares of 'the Company then held by such 'persons respectively and that 'such shares so allotted shall 'rank for dividends as from the '1st day of July, 1928.'"

2. "That if, on such distribution 'as aforesaid, any person would 'be entitled to a fraction of a 'share, the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share 'to be allotted to a person or 'persons to be named by the 'Directors and such share may, 'at such time as the Directors 'think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the 'person entitled to the fractions 'making up the share.'"

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"Zyxt" is a very old Kentish word, meaning thou seest. Other words in the last volume include "wush," meaning to make a soft rushing sound; "wife," meaning to wave, to swing; "whutter," the sound of flapping wings; "woop," meaning a convulsive sobbing, and "zoid," which is something resembling an animal but not one. The making of the Oxford Dictionary is one of the romances of English literature. Before its vast scope it is declared that Dr. Samuel Johnson's effort pales into insignificance. It is asserted that it will be the most complete authority on the meaning and derivation of English words in existence.

Two of its editors have died since the work was commenced. Sir James Murray, who began it, and Dr. Henry Bradley, who worked on it continuously for twenty-seven years. It has cost \$250,000 to produce, part of which has been raised by public subscription.

The present editors of the dictionary are Dr. W. A. Craigie and C. T. Onions. Dr. Craigie was professor of English at the University of Chicago and acquired an American background, which is likely to be of great importance in regard to the popularity of the dictionary in the United States.

"The time for any prejudice against 'Americanism,' is past," he said recently. "They have already proved their value as additions to the English tongue wherever it is used. It is in phrases made up of common nouns and verbs that the inventive genius of the American tongue most displays itself."

"No doubt many of these might be described," as slang, but they have a way of rising out of this character and taking their place in serious discourse and writing."

Important new witnesses, it is stated, have volunteered to give evidence at the forthcoming appeal of Oscar Slater against his conviction for the murder of Miss Gilchrist at Glasgow in 1903, for which he served 19 years' penal servitude.

Commander R. D. Binney, after nearly two years as executive officer of the battleship "Royal Sovereign," is leaving to take up an appointment in China, having been posted to the depot-ship "Tamar." In 1923-25 Commander Binney was on duty at the Australian Navy Office, Melbourne.

NOTICES.

FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASES.

EASTER MEETING.
Saturday, 31st March, 1928.

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CRIME IN EGYPT.

SELF-GOVERNMENT IN PRACTICE.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENT.

An important document has been issued at Cairo which will no doubt be used by the outside world as a test of the experiment of self-government by Egyptians, following the removal of all British provincial inspectors. This is a report on the public security of Egypt for 1927 sent out by Mahmud Fahmi el Kelsy Pasha, head of the Public Security Department.

Intending tourists need not be alarmed at the increase of crime admitted in this report, the strictures on the inadequacy of the police and the minimising of cases of murder, arson, and theft with violence. For the ways of the tourist are confined to Cairo, a Nile steamer, and certain up-river hotels, whereas this report is mainly concerned with the provinces only, and, except for certain details, Cairo and Alexandria are excluded altogether.

In criticising a comparatively youthful venture in self-government, the honest Englishman will be sympathetic and fair-minded. He will not demand that Egypt, within a few years of its Declaration of Independence, shall have reached that standard of public security which obtains in the more civilised States of Western Europe. But he is entitled to read Kelsy Pasha's report, and to select certain passages of it for criticism, in doing which he is following the example of the Arabic Press in Cairo.

Undetected Offences. The Pasha begins his report with the words: "The number of crimes committed in 1927 was

7,950, as against 7,062 in 1926, i.e., an increase of 888 crimes." This ingenious remark might delude the simple into believing that 7,950 was the total number of crimes committed in Egypt, whereas it really denotes the number of crimes reported to the police in which some action has been taken. This is an important distinction, and though there is no intention to deceive, a White-hall official hunting for statistics might in this case be misled into serious error.

For anyone acquainted with the provinces of Egypt knows that an immense amount of crime passes undetected. Further on we read that out of these reported crimes 57 per cent. were "temporarily filed," which means that the offenders escaped unpunished. In attributing the blame for this state of affairs Kelsy Pasha states candidly that the type of men recruited for the provincial police is quite unsuitable; he admits that 75 per cent. of them are illiterate.

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SUMMARY COURT CASE.

At the Summary Court yesterday, the On Hing Co. claimed against the Wai Hing Navigation Co. and Lam Chi-sang and Leung Wing for \$1,000 for goods sold and delivered. The third defendant was represented by Mr. C. A. S. Russ and the second defendant did not appear, neither was the Wai Hing Co. represented. Mr. W. D. Owen appeared for plaintiffs. The defence for the third defendant was that he had nothing to do with the firm and after hearing the evidence. Mr. Justice Wood gave judgment against the second defendant and adjourned the decision against Leung Wing who was said to be at sea.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. "Nagore" left Singapore for this port on March 10 at 4 p.m., and is due here to-morrow at about noon.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kashmir" left Shanghai for this port on March 13 at 3 p.m. with the Mails, and is due here to-morrow at about 6 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress" of Asia" arrived at Shanghai on March 12 at 5 p.m., left Shanghai on March 13 at 12.30 p.m. and is due at Hong Kong to-day at noon. She will sail for Manila at 5 p.m. on March 17.

The B.I. s.s. "Talma" will leave Amoy for this port on March 17 p.m., and is due here on March 18 p.m.

The B.I. s.s. "Santhia" left Singapore for this port on March 13 p.m., and is due here on March 19 a.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benavon" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Straits is due to arrive here on March 19.

The D. & Co. s.s. "Bolton Castle" sailed from New York on February 4, and is due here on March 25.

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LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S REPORT AND
DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

With the arrival of 19 vessels recorded at the Harbour Office in the 24 hours ending 9 a.m. this morning, the list includes 2 nationalities that figure prominently, that of the British, with 9 vessels, and the Japanese with 4 vessels.

The cargo imported to Hong Kong by the above vessels, totals 6,376 tons, to which the British contributed 4,287 tons.

Cargo being shipped through the Colony to ports beyond, amounts to a total of 13,572 tons, 1,662 tons being shipped by the British steamers.

With regard to the above figures the best return for cargo imported to Hong Kong, was shown by the s.s. "Ichang" from Saigon—Messrs. B. & S.—2,100 tons rice.

The highest figure shown, for cargo being shipped for ports beyond, by one vessel, was registered by the s.s. "Scheer" from Singapore—Messrs. Jebson & Co.—9,240 tons general cargo.

Passengers arrived in the Colony yesterday by the above vessels, in the time ending 9 a.m. this morning, totals 3,783 persons, which include 2,876 Asiatic deck; 695 Asiatic cabin; 162 European cabin.

Departures.

For Swatow:—Linan, King Yuan, Taikwa Maru, Hong Hwa.

For Shanghai:—Paul Leat, Nanchan.

For Amoy:—Vulcanus, Namsang, Heng On.

For Saigon:—Yuen Jeng, Confucius.

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For Whampoa:—Tong Lee, Harunasan Maru.

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Cleanances.

For Shanghai:—Tugda.

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Shipping Abstract.

In Arrivals Departures Port

British 9 8

Japanese 1 4

Norwegian 1 0

Chinese 4 6

Dutch 2 2

French 1 2

German 1 0

19 22

There were 72 vessels in all, lying at berth in Hong Kong harbour yesterday.

BRITISH PART.

POSITION IN SHIPBUILDING
WORLD.

MAKING UP ARREARS.

There is very substantial encouragement in Lloyd's summary of shipbuilding for the year 1927. In this, which in a sense is Britain's most national industry, for on it her ancient sea-supremacy has been founded, there has been a marked recovery from the grievous depression of 1925 and 1926. No doubt the strike of 1926 accumulated arrears which have, as it were, come into account last year; but the fact remains that of the world's total output of shipping, Great Britain's yards accounted for more than 53 per cent.—a proportion as high as that which obtained before the War. Her nearest competitor, Germany, built less than a quarter of the tonnage that Great Britain built. What emphasises the significance of the figures is that of an increased world's output amounting to 611,000 tons, 559,000 tons were launched in British yards.

British Increase.
The increased building has therefore been almost wholly British. It is also notable that of the total British output of new tonnage, nearly 22 per cent. was on foreign account—a proportion which approximates to the pre-war standard.

These encouraging returns must not obscure the fact that the British shipbuilding industry has still an immense amount of leeway to make up (says "Shipping and Engineering"), judging by the record year of 1919, when the total world's tonnage launched was over 7,000,000 tons, or more than three times as much as the corresponding figure for 1927.

Has Tide Turned.

But it does look as if the tide had turned, and that the desolate spectacle of Great Britain's idle shipyards, which has for so long afflicted the inquiring eye, is in process of transformation. The other notable feature of this Lloyd's summary is the extent to which oil is supplanting coal as fuel for ocean transport. Of the world-tonnage launched in 1927 (2,285,000 tons), only 905,000 tons were exclusively dependent on coal for propulsion, and 864,000 tons relied on internal combustion engines; while a third of the steam tonnage was fitted to burn oil fuel under the boilers. This represents a very big economic change, which could hardly have been without profound effect on Great Britain's coal industry. The last word in this rivalry between coal and oil has not been spoken, but how idle must appear, in the light of such significant facts, a merely political remedy like nationalisation!

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SOURABAYA MARUWednesday, 28th March.

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KAIJO MARUSunday, 18th Mar. 11 a.m.

TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY

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CLAN LINE APPEAL.

JUDGE'S REGRET IN
DISMISSING IT.

The Court of Appeal, consisting of Lord Justices Scrutton, Atkin and Greer dismissed an appeal by the Clan Line Steamers, Ltd., of Glasgow, as owners of the "Clan Buchanan," and the Rujal Tea Company, Ltd., as owners of a cargo of tea carried by the ship, from the refusal of the War Compensation Court to award them compensation for loss which they said they had sustained by reason of an order of the Shipping Controller.

In February, 1920, the "Clan Buchanan" arrived in the Thames with a cargo of tea. Tea being a priority cargo, so much had been shipped from Ceylon that the warehouses were full, and there were ships lying in the Thames unable to receive the discharge of the cargo. Accordingly the "Clan Buchanan" was diverted to Greenock, and the question for decision was whether this was under orders from the Shipping Controller. Over 30 other claims are affected by the decision.

Lord Justice Scrutton, giving judgment, said that in 1920 a conference of ship and cargo owners was called. They thought they made an agreement to divide the loss due to deviation, but it was repudiated by the Tea Association. The secretary of the Transit Committee told the Clan Line not to mind what the tea people did because the ships must be diverted, and the Government would stand behind the shipowners. But the letter sent was not an order for diversion. It was a mere statement that facilities had been arranged for discharge at Glasgow and Greenock, and that the shipowners might divert. This was an unsatisfactory, not to say misleading, way of doing business. The appeal must be dismissed, but he regretted it as he did not think the shipowners had been well treated. Lord Justice Atkin and Lord Justice Greer concurred. Leave to appeal was granted.

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MORFA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
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*NOVARA	6,089	16th June	Marseilles & London
RANPURA	16,601	23rd June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	7th July	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
*NANKIN	5,258	14th July	Marseilles & London
RAWALPINDI	16,601	21st July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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NEW TENDENCIES.

GROWTH OF "NATIONALISM" IN SHIPPING.

PRESTIGE v. BUSINESS.

"It cannot have escaped the notice of any careful observer that there have been very considerable changes in ideas and hypotheses in regard to the shipping business during the post-war period, and that one of the growing tendencies of these days is that which makes for the increasing nationalisation of mercantile shipping. In quite a number of countries the Governments are being urged to extend support to shipbuilders and ship-owners with a view to creating a national Mercantile Marine, and the incentive to this is given more from reasons of prestige and a false idea of nationalism than from considerations as to whether such an artificially created instrument could be made to pay its way. In other words, the shipping business, which formerly was regarded principally as the private affair of the enterprising owner who was willing to undertake the risk, is now belonging in certain countries mainly an affair of the State.

"As was the case before the war, when the Navy became for some nations a question of prestige instead of one of pure necessity, so now various States are demanding the largest possible mercantile marine for reasons of national pride, and without paying the slightest regard to economic necessities. Where such demands as these are being carried through, it can easily be understood that the shipowner is not being left to shoulder the whole of the burden, because, for one thing, in most cases his financial resources would not be adequate for the purpose. Therefore the demands of the community must be satisfied out of the common means, and the State itself must provide the requisite funds for the establishment and maintenance of a new shipping service which has suddenly been discovered to be a national necessity, or, to put it quite plainly, the national shipping must be subsidised.

State's Right to Intervene.

"This assistance on the part of the State naturally carries with it a right of the State to intervene in the affairs of the company concerned, with the result that in many cases not merely the shipping but also the shipowner is nationalised. He is dependent, in a more or less visible form, upon the special wishes of the State. The unequivocal form of nationalised shipping is the State merchant fleet which, administered by a State department, encroaches upon the sphere of private business activity."

In the United States of America, says a writer in the "Kölnische Zeitung," whose preliminary observations are summarised above, there has lately appeared a strong divergence of opinion between the advocates of "free" and of State shipping. Originally the supporters of State shipping had the majority of the American people behind them. They remembered that in the 'sixties of the last century, the United States possessed the largest fleet in the world, which, however, subsequently sank to a very unimportant factor in world traffic. Even the founding of the so-called "Morgan Trust" did not bring about the expected revival. Through the war, however, the situation was completely changed. In the last war years the United States built a gigantic fleet, which was augmented on the conclusion of peace by the former German ships which had been confiscated. This sudden expansion of tonnage (from 5,368,000 tons in 1914 to 15,623,000 tons in 1923) gave rise to the cry on the part of the shipping nationalists that American goods must be carried only on United States ships. But most of the vessels built during the war were unsuitable for the purposes for which they were used, and proved to be very expensive, so that between the fiscal years 1921/22 and 1925/26 the State had to make advances of about \$40,000,000.

Hence a large number of Americans who regarded the matter purely from a business point of view have protested against this squandering of public money, and demanded that the State fleet should be sold to private American owners. Suggestions were even made that there should be a gradual withdrawal from the North Atlantic trade and increased activity in the north and south American coasting trade, which is the natural sphere of business for an American fleet.

In Canada and Australia, the writer continues, there seems to be a desire to abandon the State fleets after they have proved to be too expensive, and except in the case of Poland there appears to be a movement in favour of withdrawing from State operation and to give stronger support to "private" shipping. In Italy heavy subsidies are granted, but for these there would appear to be no functional properly.

good economic reasons, and there is a good possibility that Italian shipping will soon be able to stand on its own feet and successfully engage in international competition.

The case of France is different, as there is not an extraordinary strong demand in that country for a State mercantile marine, although voices are raised for more financial assistance. The subsidies, indeed, are relatively small. For the building of the "Ile de France" and a sister ship the State assumed the guarantee for interest up to the amount of 220,000,000 francs, in addition to which there is a mail subvention of about 155,000,000 francs. France also pays certain indirect subsidies, as for example, an allowance of 10 francs for each ton of petroleum imported, which is applied for the extension of the French tanker fleet.

After passing in review all the other countries which favour shipping subsidies, the writer comes to the conclusion that principally England and Germany, but to some extent also Holland, Belgium and Scandinavia, are the only maritime nations which are generally opposed to the subvention policy. It is admitted that even the Trade Facilities Act does not, properly speaking, come under the subsidy heading, and the same can be said, it is argued, of the facilities in the way of advances at low interest which were given to enable German owners to order tonnage so as to create work for the shipyards.

"The German shipowners," the writer concludes, "who have rebuilt their fleets by their own efforts are fundamentally opposed to the subvention tendencies. They have maintained this attitude even when certain personalities in the Government were ready to come forward in support of State assistance for shipping. The German shipowners decline any help from the State, and it cannot be regarded as a mere coincidence that in the numerous conferences they co-operate on the best of terms with the leaders of English shipping who hold the same view. In the face of the strong advance of the subsidy policy in other lands, there is a great possibility that out of this close co-operation in all important questions, a 'united front' of all the advocates of free shipping will be formed.

"Whether one can remain permanently true to to-day's principles, depends, however, on others. When State ambition is seeking to place itself far outside the limits which have been traced by the laws of economics, when the lust for political prestige is ever pressing without any restraint towards the nationalisation of shipping, shipowners both in Germany and England will hardly be able to dispense altogether with State assistance. But if these two countries stand shoulder to shoulder in their battle for free shipping, they should be strong enough to gain a victory."

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVAL.

Passengers arrived at Hong Kong on the N. Y. K. "Taiyo Maru" from Los Angeles and Ports in March 13 were:-

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DEPARTURES.

European passengers sailed from Hong Kong on the M.M. "Paul Lecat" for Shanghai and Japan on March 14 were:-Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cruz, Miss A. Lemos, Mr. C. C. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Flury, Mr. and Mrs. S. Rosario, Mrs. A. Sherville, Mr. F. R. Barr, Mr. H. Allemao, Mrs. S. E. de Senna, Mr. R. M. Rodrigues, Miss Rykoff, Mr. G. Vacheron, Mr. Leon Gavnagach, Miss E. M. I. White.

ENGINE TROUBLE.

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AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DOCKYARD.

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"ANHUI" REPORT.

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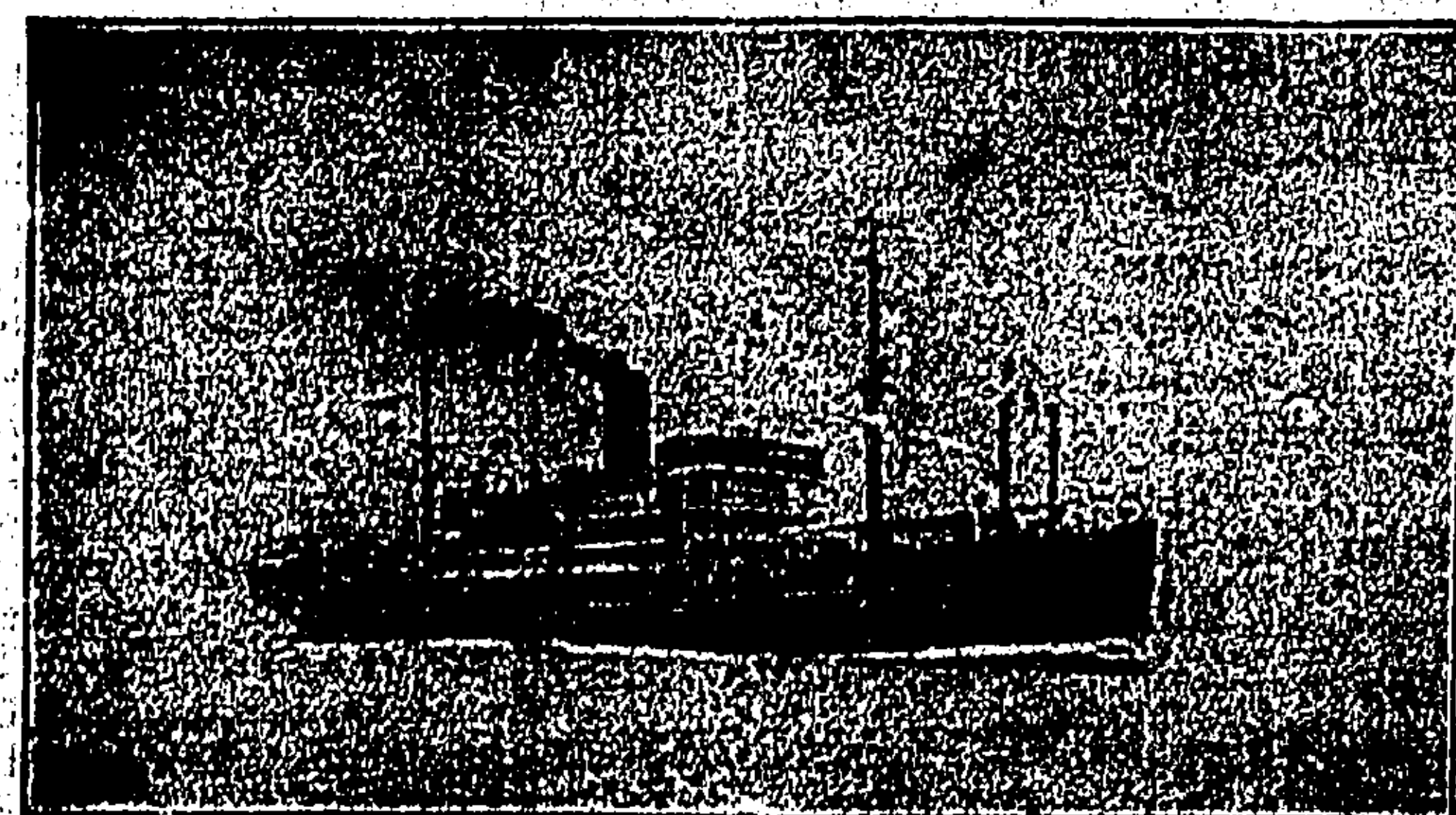
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MARRIAGE.

KEW-HO.—On March 14, at the Union Church by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, Albert Edward Kew, third son of Mr. Charles Herbert Whiteley Kew, to Nancy Joyce, daughter of Mrs. Ho Fook and the late Mr. Fook.

Hong Kong, Thursday, March 15, 1928.

CANTON AND NANKING.

According to a translation in a foreign contemporary of a report in a local Chinese newspaper the Nationalist Government at Nanking has issued a Mandate appointing Marshal Li Chai-sum Chief of Staff of the Nationalist Army and has also ordered him to proceed to Nanking immediately to take up his new appointment. Observers, Chinese and foreign, have been expecting a point of this nature to arise since the inauguration of the successful conversations between H.E. the Governor of Hong Kong and the head of the Canton Administration. Whether the Marshal obeys the command (assuming the report to be correct) is another matter. For ourselves—and we have reason to believe—we have the best thought at Canton and in the Colony behind us in this regard—we can only repeat what was written in these columns on Monday last. Marshal Li Chai-sum is firmly established as the head of the Canton administration and has adequate control in the two Kwang provinces. That he is a man for whom regard is felt in Chinese and other circles

was fully proved by the manner in which he immediately re-assumed power after the recent Red debacle.

In the light of his unfortunate experience on the previous occasion of leaving Canton to attend conferences at Shanghai, is it not reasonable to ask whether Marshal Li Chai-sum will be wise in going to Nanking at this juncture? As we said on Monday, the only thing that will shake the confidence (of the peoples both in Hong Kong and Kwangtung) in him would be any decision on his part to relinquish active command, however temporary. He has shown that he is much more than a mere figurehead; that he is, in fact, a capable administrator, and whilst he is at the head of affairs it is generally agreed that all will go well in Canton's domestic and international relations.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's need of assistance from Kwangtung and Kwangsi is apparent. His appointment of Marshal Li Chai-sum as Chief of Staff may be the first move in an attempt to regain complete control. As far as can be seen, there has been no open breach between Canton and Nanking. In the interval, it has to be noted, Canton has made a splendid recovery from the Red crisis. Damage has been made good in certain places. Confidence in the Canton Government is reflected in the appreciable rise in banknote values and quotations of Government securities. If so much has been accomplished, the people of Canton will regret any new departure of Marshal Li's which may lead to complications but will not necessarily do so. And if Canton is involved, Hong Kong will also be indirectly affected and certainly adversely.

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Jewellery and other articles valued at more than £1,000 were stolen from Oaklands, Forest-line, Chiswell, Essex, the residence of

LIBEL CASE.

(Continued from Page 1.)
Whilst counsel was pointing out to witness that reports containing the word "discharge" appeared in the "Daily Press" and the "Telegraph," His Lordship interjected: "Is it not a fact that the same report appears in different papers?"
Re-examined by Haynes upon this point, witness said that the evening newspapers most certainly contained matters which occurred the night before.

Papers in Hong Kong, perhaps more than anywhere else, worked together.
Haynes in the Box.
Leslie Ernest Haynes, in the witness box, said, in reply to His Lordship, that he had brought the action to establish his credit and put an end to persecution. He submitted to the Court the "China Mail" on February 17 containing the heading "Haynes Again" and the "China Mail" of March 9, "as a part of the same campaign," containing the heading "Judge and Haynes."

Some Connection.
Cross-examined by Mr. Alabaster, Haynes said that at the time of the alleged libel, February 8, he was engaged in the business he had already mentioned. He admitted, in regard to the poster, that there was some connection between the two lines "Law Society Suit" and "Haynes Discharged."

Dealing with the "China Mail" report, Mr. Alabaster pointed out that the "Daily Press" had said the Magistrate used the word "discharged" on two occasions and asked if defendant would be surprised to know that the "Morning Post" said the same.

Haynes: The "Morning Post" uses the same report as the "Telegraph."

In reply to further questions, Haynes said that at the Magistrate's trial on the day in question Mr. Julian was in Court as a reporter. Haynes was then questioned regarding the meaning of the word "discharge."

In reply to His Lordship, Haynes admitted, after repeated questioning, that a Magistrate might, reasonably, have used the word "discharge" in dismissing a summons.
Counsel terminated his cross-examination by quoting Webster's interpretation of the word and obtaining the admission that "discharge" meant being-exonerated or absolved from a charge.

No Case to Answer.
Mr. Alabaster, in addressing the Court, submitted that he had no case to answer.

His Lordship: I won't trouble you, Mr. Alabaster.
Addressing Haynes, His Lordship said he did not think there was a case and asked plaintiff if he had anything further to say.

The Best Thing.
Haynes said that he did not bring the action for the purpose of gaining pecuniary reward but to stop what he thought was persecution. It was astounding, they had it on the authority of Mr. Lindsay, the Magistrate, that police court cases were badly reported. It was astounding that people could deliberately deter a man from making good.
"For a man in my position," continued Haynes, "the best thing to do is to jump into the harbour and finish it all. Take that heading 'Haynes Again,' what is that if not malice?"

Judgment for Defendant.
His Lordship: It is clear in my mind that the words complained of are not defamatory and cannot possibly carry a defamatory interpretation. It seems to me in this action an attempt has been made to make a lot out of little. The action must fall to the ground.

Judgment was given for defendant with costs.

"CHEER O" CONCERT.

TUESDAY NIGHT'S ENJOYABLE AFFAIR.

A very successful concert was held in the Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A. on Tuesday evening. The Misses Allen and Doris Woods, who have given so much of their time and talent for the troops, were up to their usual standard of excellence, and could not satisfy the continual demand for encores. Mrs. W. R. Fleming, who is also well known in musical circles, was heard to advantage in her rendering of "Songs of the Fair." A new note was introduced into Cheer 'O Concerts, by the appearance of Messrs. F. Danenberg, L. Silva, G. Pearson, and A. Remedios, who played a series of Hawaiian melodies, on guitars and ukuleles, to a very enthusiastic audience.

Mr. G. W. C. Burnett then related a few experiences, and described the Charge of the Light Brigade, much to the enjoyment of all concerned. Mr. Cusack, who possesses an excellent tenor voice, contributed "On with the Brolley" and replied to the applause with "Wonderful Mother of Mine." We should like to hear him again.
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KOWLOON SCHOOL.

KRA. RECOMMENDATION TO GOVERNMENT.

DAIRY FARM EXTENSION.

The first monthly committee meeting of the new committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held on Monday night in St. Andrew's Church Hall, all members of the committee being present, i.e., Mr. E. Cock (President), Mr. B. W. Tape (Vice-President), Mr. E. Abraham (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. C. E. Terry (Hon. Secretary), and Messrs. C. M. Manners, J. M. Noronha, J. H. Hunt, F. C. Mow Fung, W. S. Bailey, F. W. Stapleton, B. Wylie, F. J. Easterbrook, F. H. Crapnell, W. J. Stokes, J. M. Wong, R. Pestonji, T. Arnott, H. Un, A. J. J. Martin, Rev. W. W. Rogers and Rev. J. H. Johnston.

After the usual formal business, sub-committees were appointed as follows:

Correspondence.—The President, Vice-President and Hon. Secretary.
Children's Playgrounds.—Messrs. F. H. Crapnell, W. S. Bailey and H. Un.

Bathing Facilities.—Messrs. C. M. Manners, J. M. Noronha, and J. M. Wong.

A letter from a member with regard to electric wiring systems in Kowloon was discussed at length, and was finally put back for a special referendum.

A request for a bus-stopping place in the vicinity of Kimberley and Granville-roads was considered, and it was decided to request the C.S.F. to institute a stop between these two roads.

A Matter For Ladies.
A letter from the Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Co., stating that they intended to extend their premises, and inviting suggestions as to improvements was read and discussed. A special sub-committee including two ladies was appointed to study the matter, and to bring forward recommendations to the General Committee.

A reply from the G.O.C. regarding the military forage shed in Chatham-road was considered at length, and it was decided to press for the early removal of this shed and the abatement of the noise attendant on changing guard, etc.

On the proposal of Mr. Manners, seconded by the Rev. J. H. Johnston, a resolution was unanimously carried that the Committee view with favour a recommendation to the Government that a new School or schools be built in Kowloon, and Mr. Wylie was asked to bring forward data on this subject at the next meeting.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that nearly fifty new members had joined the Association. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1928 are now due, and should be sent to Mr. E. Abraham, c/o Messrs. Tester and Abraham, Hong Kong.

The traffic "white line" in Salisbury-road, the public pier, and the removal of trees in Nathan-road were also dealt with.

BRIBE ON JUNK?

POLICE LAUNCH COXSWMAN REMANDED.

As the sequel to an opium raid on board a junk in harbour on February 28, a Chinese police coxswain was yesterday charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy with demanding a bribe of \$200 from the mistress of the junk.

Police evidence was that the accused gave information which led to the raid on the junk. On board an old man was found smoking opium. Near the man was a glass jar containing a small quantity of opium. A thorough search was made and no further opium was found. The opium in the jar was such a small quantity that the police did not think a charge was warranted. As the searchers were being called away, a woman on the boat came forward and said that she was willing to pay \$200, but the offer was not accepted by the European Sergeant in charge of the search party.

Intended As Bail.

Except that the accused told the Sergeant that he was Police coxswain No. 88, the Sergeant did not remember seeing him before. He was even now not positive that accused was the man who approached him about the opium.

Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios suggested that it was the Sergeant's inadequate knowledge of Chinese which had led him to think that a bribe had been offered, whereas the money was intended as bail.

The case was adjourned.

It is always refreshing to hear new stories well told. This occurred in the fullest sense of the word when Mr. A. L. Jeeves took the platform. His distinctly humorous personality captured the audience, as did the quality of the songs which followed.

There will be another concert next Tuesday, and it is hoped to arrange a party to visit the Camps at Shau Shui Po in the near future.

PRAPS-PRAPS NOT!

The following appeared in "The Christian Science Monitor" of February 6.

"In answer to the offer of a prize for the best collection of schoolboy 'howlers,' the following were among those received by the University Correspondent:—

"A blizzard is the inside of a duck. The whole world, except the United States, lives in the temperance zone.

"Polonius was a mythical sausage. In the eighteenth century travelling was very romantic; most of the roads were only bridal paths. Average means something hens lay their eggs on.

"Transparent means something you can see through—for instance, a keyhole.

"The sun never sets on the British Empire, because the British Empire is in the east and the sun sets in the west."

Out at the County Club there's a sporty golf course. To make the first hole one has to drive over the lake in front of the clubhouse and past a grove of trees, so that really good scores are few and far between.

Two caddies were waiting at the caddy-house one day.

"What kind of score did that guy make this morning?" asked one caddy, "the one you were caddyfing for?"

The second caddy replied belligerently: "That guy gave me two bucks, and his score is whatever he says it is!"

A golfer went to his tailor's the other day to order a new pair of knickers. While the tape was being applied he said:

"Where's Jenks, who used to measure me?"

"Jenks," said the tailor, "has got chronic rheumatism, and can't stoop low enough to measure for knickerbockers any more."

"Poor chap," said the gentleman.

"What's he doing?"

"Oh, we transferred him to the woman's sporting department," said the tailor, "and he's measuring girls for swimming suits."

This concerns a dancer whose talents are recognised in the two-day musical comedies. After making a hit in a show she suddenly went ritzy and affected tall millinery. Her intimates gave her up, not being able to tolerate her poses and speech affections while knowing that she was illiterate. At any rate, they say that her maid at the theatre asked her:

"Have you any idea where the pins are?"

"I regret very much," said the upstage one, "but I do not know where the pins is."

"She dresses with great pains." "Yes, her shoes pinch her, her corset is too tight and she frequently burns herself with the curling iron."

"How do you tune those jazz instruments?" "You don't."

"This second-hand car I brought musta been a plumber's." "Yeah? Why?" "No tools came with it."

First Trainer.—The champ doesn't seem to be himself lately; something's wrong with him.

Second.—What makes you think that? "He hasn't used a big word in a week."

We know a guy who was so crooked he raised a check on himself.

Electrical Store Clerk.—But Madam, what is your objection to using an electrical flatiron?

Woman Customer.—You can throw it only the length of the cord.

"He was a gay young buck when he met her; now he feels like 30 cents."

"Janice Meredith" was "Ridin' Pretty," as is "The Way of a Girl," when she took "Seven Chances" with "The Last Man on Earth," who was none other than "Dick Turpin," well-known undertaker, driver of "The Deadwood Coach" and notorious "Married Flirt."

After a few "Cheap Kisses," Janice realised "The Folly of Vanity," and thinking "Cheaper to Marry" went to the "School for Wives," but as there were no more men somebody changed its name to "The Mansion of Aching Hearts."

"Oh Doctor," cried Janice, "It is the Law" and "The Price of Pleasure" will make me "A Lady of the Night." "I can't go on." It was just "On the Stroke of Three" when she threw herself into "Smouldering Fires" and crossed "The Great Divide," never realising "Her Fatal Mistake" was in taking too many caesarets the night before.

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Liverpool magistrates decided to urge legislation for hearing in camera of petitions for legitimisation.

The ship's company of H.M.S. "Ambrose" held a farewell dance in Messrs. Lane, Crawford's restaurant at 8.30 to-night.

Messrs. Craig, Taylor and Co., Ltd., of Stockton-on-Tees, have received orders from a foreign ship-building firm for two 5,000-ton cargo boats.

Ex-King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, who is travelling to South America on a botanical expedition, disembarked for a short visit to Funchal, Madeira.

A small lot of fossils recently obtained from the London clay and now at the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, included the shell of a Pinna (shell-fish) in which were several pearls.

The latest weekly return shows that the number of persons unemployed is 1,094,500. This is more than 14,000 less than in the previous week and about 40,000 less than in the corresponding period of last year.—British Wireless Service.

New York, March 14.—The Stock Exchange began its investigation of the report on the technical "corner" which existed in the Radio Corporation common stock, in view of the shares' advance of \$45 in the last seven trading sessions.—Reuter's American Service.

Owing to a failure of its brakes a train crashed into a platform at Zandvoort, Holland. A woman passenger was killed and several injured.

Reminder: annual inspection by H.E. the Governor of St. John Ambulance Brigade on the Murray parade ground at 5.15 p.m. to-morrow.



General Cheng Chien, who was in charge at Nanking when the outrages of last year (referred to on page 1) were committed.

The Court of Criminal Appeal quashed, on appeal, the conviction of Frederick Ward, who at the East Kent Sessions was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour for the alleged larceny of a pair of binoculars, valued at £3, which had been sent to him on approval.



Secretary of Commerce, Herbert Hoover, one of the strongest candidates in the Republican field for the presidential nomination on the Republican ticket, whose resignation has been asked for in the House of Representatives, according to a cable published to-day.

Mr. John Smith, a retired ghillie, who has died at Ballater, Aberdeenshire, was in the royal service for 50 years and claimed to have given the present King his first lessons in fishing for trout and salmon.

Charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with the unlawful possession of 95 tads of raw non-Government opium, a Chinese who was arrested in Shanghai-street carrying the drug in a bag under his arm, was fined \$2,000.

A Chinese youth who had twelve previous convictions against him for hawking without a licence, was yesterday charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy with a similar offence with regard to some pamphlets. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

New York, Yesterday.—The death is reported of the Rev. Robert Beebe, an ex-medical missionary in China.—Reuter's American Service. [The Rev. Robert Beebe retired from service in China some years ago. He first came out in 1884 and spent most of his time in the North. He was awarded the Double Dragon and Chia Ho decorations by the Chinese Government.]

Yesterday Mr. W. Schofield took further evidence at the Kowloon Magistracy in the case in which Sandagar Singh, a Sikh watchman employed by the Standard Oil Co. at Laichikok, is charged with the murder of a fellow watchman named Jitte Singh by knocking him to death with a chopper. The case was again adjourned.

Through the gift of Sir George H. Kenrick, the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, has received 218 specimens of New Guinea and Madagascar butterflies and moths.

The following appointments were made by the Admiralty on February 2:—Lieut.-Com. H. J. Murphy, to "Hawkins" (Feb. 17); Lieut. D. H. Hall-Thompson, to "Dauntless" (Feb. 20); Payr. Sub-Lieut. R. L. Cole, to "Hawkins" (April 1); Gunner F. W. Ings, to "Dauntless" (Feb. 14).

Chan Hung, one of the four men, who shot down Sergt. McMahon and other constables at Wing Lok-street and who was sentenced to death at the Criminal Sessions, paid the supreme penalty early yesterday morning. The usual death enquiry was held in the afternoon by Mr. R. E. Lindsell and a jury. A verdict that death was in accordance with the process of law was recorded.

Three Chinese committed a robbery in daylight at No. 205, Queen's-road West yesterday. They gained admittance to the third floor on the pretext of wishing to rent a cubicle. Once inside, one of the men produced a dagger and another a revolver, with which they threatened the inmates—the mistress of the house and her amah—who was carrying a baby. The flat was then ransacked, and eventually the intruders departed with \$100 in banknotes and jewellery worth \$60. When the police were eventually summoned, they discovered a dagger in one of the cubicles, but there was no trace of the robbers.

Two Chinese cases of small-pox were notified to the Medical Officer of Health yesterday, from the Kowloon district.

The Jugo-Slavian submarine depot ship "Hvar" and the submarines "Hrabri" and "Nebojat" arrived at Plymouth on a six weeks' visit.

Mr. J. Shepard, residing at No. 7, Nathan-road, reports that his coolie-boy absconded with a suit case containing a rain-coat and an over-coat valued at \$170.

Two Nottingham hosier manufacturers, Mr. H. F. Lancashire and Mr. George Spencer, are jointly giving £20,000 to endow a chair at the new Nottingham University.

Mr. F. G. Murray, a director of Messrs. Johnson & Sons, manufacturing chemists, with Mrs. Murray, has arrived in Hong Kong on the "Mantua." Mr. Murray is travelling on business.

A fruit seller, of No. 66, Stanley-street reports to the Police that yesterday morning he entrusted a foki to collect money from various customers totalling \$423.36. The foki is known to have collected the money but has since absconded, the master alleges.

Holders of tickets for the Orthophonic Gramophone that is being raffled by the Misses Aileen and Doris Woods are informed that the drawing will take place at the office of the "China Mail," No. 3A, Wyndham-street, on Saturday, March 31, at 11.15 a.m.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, three Chinese shoemakers appeared before Mr. W. Schofield charged with the unlawful possession of a quantity of seditious literature in a house in Woosung-street. A week's remand was given for the documents to be fully examined.

"That labour saving devices encourage laziness" is the motion to be debated at St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club on Monday. The motion will be proposed by the Rev. E. K. Quick, M.A., seconded by the Rev. E. W. L. Martin, M.A., and opposed by Mr. S. V. Boxer, M.A. and Mr. A. E. Lea.

Among the passengers who sailed from Hong Kong yesterday on the M.M. "Paul Lecat" for Shanghai were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cruz, Mr. C. C. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. S. Rosario, Mr. F. R. Barr, Mr. H. Allemao, Mr. R. M. Rodrigues and Mr. and Mrs. Flury. Those for Yokohama included Miss E. M. I. White and Mr. G. Vacheron.

The annual dinner of the Oxford and Cambridge Society of Hong Kong will be held on Boat Race night, March 31. Membership is open to anyone whose name is or has been on the books of a College at either University. Newcomers desirous of joining should communicate with the Joint Secretary, Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

Advance booking for the dress circle is now open at the Queen's Theatre for "7th Heaven," the remarkable film which will be screened for seven days starting Sunday. Like "Ben Hur," the picture is an exceptionally long one, and only three performances can be given daily. These start promptly at 2.30, 6.00 and 9.15 p.m.

A Chinese woman, of No. 110, The Peak in the caretakers' quarters, reports to the Police that at about 7.15 p.m. yesterday, four men entered her quarters, and after gagging and bounding her and her daughter, who were the only occupants of the room, they stole articles valued at \$88 from her room. One of the four men had a revolver.

The Helena May Institute will give its final musicale of the Season on Thursday, March 22, at 5.30 p.m. Mrs. Womack, Mr. Glover and Mr. Gardner will sing, Mrs. Hargreaves, Browne and Mrs. Griggs will accompany. A Concerto will be played by Mrs. Cashman and Mr. Bowes-Smith on two pianos. Violinists—Mrs. Balean, Mrs. Aubrey and Miss Acheson. Tables for tea must be booked by Wednesday afternoon at the latest.—Advt.

Their many friends in Hong Kong will welcome the return to the Colony of Mr. and Mrs. Denis H. Hazell and family, who have returned from England after spending a fortnight in Singapore. They will stay also a fortnight in Hong Kong before going on to Shanghai. Mr. Hazell represents the Amalgamated Photographic Manufacturers in the Far East. The "China Mail" has been indebted to him for some excellent photos of the trouble in Shanghai last year taken at considerable personal risk.

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Everything of importance in connection with the visit of H. E. the Governor to Canton has been reproduced in full in this week's "Overland China Mail." The best of the matter in our special correspondent's cables, despatches, the comment and news from other sources, will all be found.

Need we emphasise the epoch-making significance of the exchange of official calls? Canton banknotes have jumped from less than 30 to nearly 70 per cent. of face value. Canton Government securities have firmed up from under 20 to over 40 per cent. The confidence shown thus is certainly a good sign. It is up to British people in this Colony to do their duty by telling all their friends and business connections about it all.

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By spending a little time while you are on holiday, you can keep yourself well informed if you have the "Overland." The articles which you will seek are written to help non-Chinese to understand. In any case, you will not regret, from your own point of view, being posted with the main developments (reported in brief) while you are away.

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"MAIL" REVIEW.

MORE DESERT HOT AIR.

Miss Ivy M. Clayton really ought not to do these things. And yet, why not? Her latest book will sell like the proverbial hot cakes, and we suppose the modern author's prime aim is not to honour the English language but to fill his, or in this case, her, pockets with the shillings gladly spent by hysterical flappers, anaemic youths and others who feel that an impossible tale of romance in the desert brings a thrill into their lives.

To quote two examples of Miss Clayton's style—by no means unique in these decadent days. "Deep blue night hung like a brooding god of silence over the Sahara. In the vast vault above blazed a million stars—a wondrous regalia on the breast of the heavens—jewelling the course of a magnificent full moon which moved wide arms of opal light through the dusky stillness. . . ."

"With features distorted, his dark eyes burning like two fireballs, he strode back into the tent 'Beryl,' he said, his voice ringing out like a bugle call upon the night."

The story involves a forced imprisonment, a seduction, the unavoidable consequences thereof, a flight and of course, an ending as sweet and cloying as Lyle's finest product. How long, O publishers, how long will you flood the market with books of this type before a wearied and nauseated reading public rebels and refuses to buy your trash? "The Sheikh" has a lot to answer for—he was followed by the Son of the Sheikh and a whole tribe of minor sheikhs; the hero of "Desert Flames" is a distant descendant of some what doubtful origin, of the original. How many more are to come? Many, we fear. A certain section of readers will never rebel—they not only tolerate but encourage books of this type and lap up sickening sentiment as so many kittens would lap up cream. Fortunately not all authors are as Miss Clayton, but alas, they languish in obscurity while she blazes in fame.

—K. E.

"Desert Flames" by Ivy M. Clayton. (Stanley Paul & Co., Ltd.)

BISHOP BARNES.

It is but a few years since Dr. Barnes, then a Canon of Westminster, preached in the Abbey on the subject of "Evolution" in a manner which aroused considerable controversy. On his promotion to the See of Birmingham he found himself confronted by the prevalence of Anglo-Catholic belief and practice in the Diocese of which he had now become the spiritual head. In consequence Dr. Barnes has of late been at much pains to expose and denounce the errors of mediaeval superstition which centre around the Eucharist in the Catholic interpretation of the Real Presence.

Only six months ago an incident took place in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, where exception was publicly taken by a leading Anglo-Catholic to the Bishop's appearance in the Pulpit; this sermon is included in this book. The purpose of the book is, as the author states in the preface, to present "at the request of a number of friends and correspondents" such a choice from his many utterances of the last few years "that the most characteristic and most criticised elements in my teaching should be fully represented." While he realises that in thus voicing modern ways of thinking he gives "real offence" to

many, Dr. Barnes offers this selection of his utterances in their own setting and in the main in chronological order, choosing as the lesser of the two evils to risk offending those who like to close their minds rather than to help in alienating the masses of thinking men and women.

Though insisting on the theory of Evolution as an established fact, the author speaks with most tolerant appreciation of such men as Wesley, Isaac Watts, and General Bramwell Booth; in fact tolerance is insisted on as a fundamental principle of Christian ethics.

On the other hand there is wide and open dissent from much of the theology of St. Paul, and St. Augustine, and of the mass of beliefs enshrined in tradition, whether Catholic or Protestant, for everything which can possibly come under the heading of superstition is open to his censure, the Bishop firmly believing that the safety of the Church is imperilled by its "purveying non-moral semi-magical beliefs which are a travesty of Christianity," and that deference for those who dislike to think is no excuse for opposing what science declares to be the truth.

"Sacramental Magic" is repeatedly denounced, and "man's ape-like ancestry" is reiterated with increasing emphasis.

These Sermons and Addresses cover a great variety of occasions and were given before a wide assortment of audiences—to Westminster Abbey congregations—Conferences of Modern Churchmen—Oxford and Cambridge undergraduates—Women Teachers—Horticulturalists—Psychologists—the British Association—Free Churchmen—the British Medical Association—Science Masters—enthusiasts on Eugenics—the Members of the Union Educational Association—Westminster Schoolboys—and the mid-day congregation at a weekly service in Birmingham Parish Church.

Throughout these thirty-one Sermons there occur criticisms of those who oppose scientific pronouncements of truth, but there is more predominantly the positive assertion of what is a reasonable faith, service, devotion, self-sacrifice, tolerance, untiring pursuit of truth.

"Should Such A Faith Offend?" No Christian could desire that his faith should offend! The title of this volume vindicates the Bishop of Birmingham on this point. Yet most faiths do offend and even scandalise dissenters if proclaimed boldly or plainly enough.

The personal humility and graciousness of the writer, as revealed by what he says and his manner of saying it, proves at what a cost he speaks out in such an open fashion. This should be appreciated even by those whom his faith may offend, while all who at all pretend to enjoy an open mind will find here much that is helpful, much that is inspiring, and much stimulus to healthy thinking.

Dr. Barnes has deliberately chosen to put forward as his "Apologia" a selection of addresses evenly distributed over several years, lest any newly worded statement of his ideas might be coloured by incidents, or events of the moment. He will most certainly have his reward by being read with appreciation by people of widely differing shades of belief, including those whom he attacks, for he sincerely attempts to be impartial, and though in some measure the Bishop shows himself to be a stormy petrel, on the whole he is truly more of a dove of peace.

"Should Such A Faith Offend?" A series of Sermons by the Rt. Rev. E. W. Barnes, Bishop of Birmingham. (Published by Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton, 7/6 net.)

Prof. Sothill, M.A., who is acting as visiting Professor at Columbia University, New York, till June, lecturing on "Chinese Language and Literature" has a new book in the Press. It is entitled, "China and England," and is being published by the Oxford University Press.

I.C.I. MAGAZINE.

New Chemicals Concern "House" Publication.

The "China Mail" has received a copy of the first issue of the Magazine of Imperial Chemical Industries, Limited (January 1928).

The production is well worthy of Sir Alfred Mond's words: "The first issue of a new venture in a new enterprise. What does it stand for? The new spirit in industry. . . ."

A cartoon entitled "The Bridge" is particularly topical and striking, and emphasises the view of the management of Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd.

I.C.I. Figures.

Says Mr. Henry Mond:—

"It is interesting to survey roughly the figures, which give one the proportionate numbers of human beings contained in these three groups in I.C.I. There are 100,000 shareholders, 5,000 management and staff, and 45,000 workers. This means that it takes the savings of two shareholders to provide the necessary staff and equipment to give employment to one man. With a capital of £56,000,000 the average holding of each shareholder is about £560, so that over £1,000 must be provided to give one man employment."

POETRY.

AS IN THE AGE OF EPIGRAM.

It is the fashion for those who admire the romantic revival of the early nineteenth century to dismiss with a somewhat cavalier gesture the poetry of the so-called Augustan Age. Its artificiality has with them become a by-word; it is readily labelled as a time of "Swains" and "Nymphs," of impossible shepherds and simpering shepherdesses, of "finny tribes," "zodiacal fowl" and "feathered flocks." The characterisation is true enough—up to a certain point; but the romanticists, in attacking the narrow imaginative range and the cult for correctness which marked the poetry of Pope and his school, are apt to deal too leniently with the unbridled emotions of their own time. It is not altogether unusual, for instance, to find these poets occasionally approaching perilously near to writing "nonsense." We remember Arnold's strictures on Shelley's lines:

"On the brink of the night and the morning,
My courses are wont to respire,
But the Earth has just whispered a warning
That their flight must be swifter
than fire."

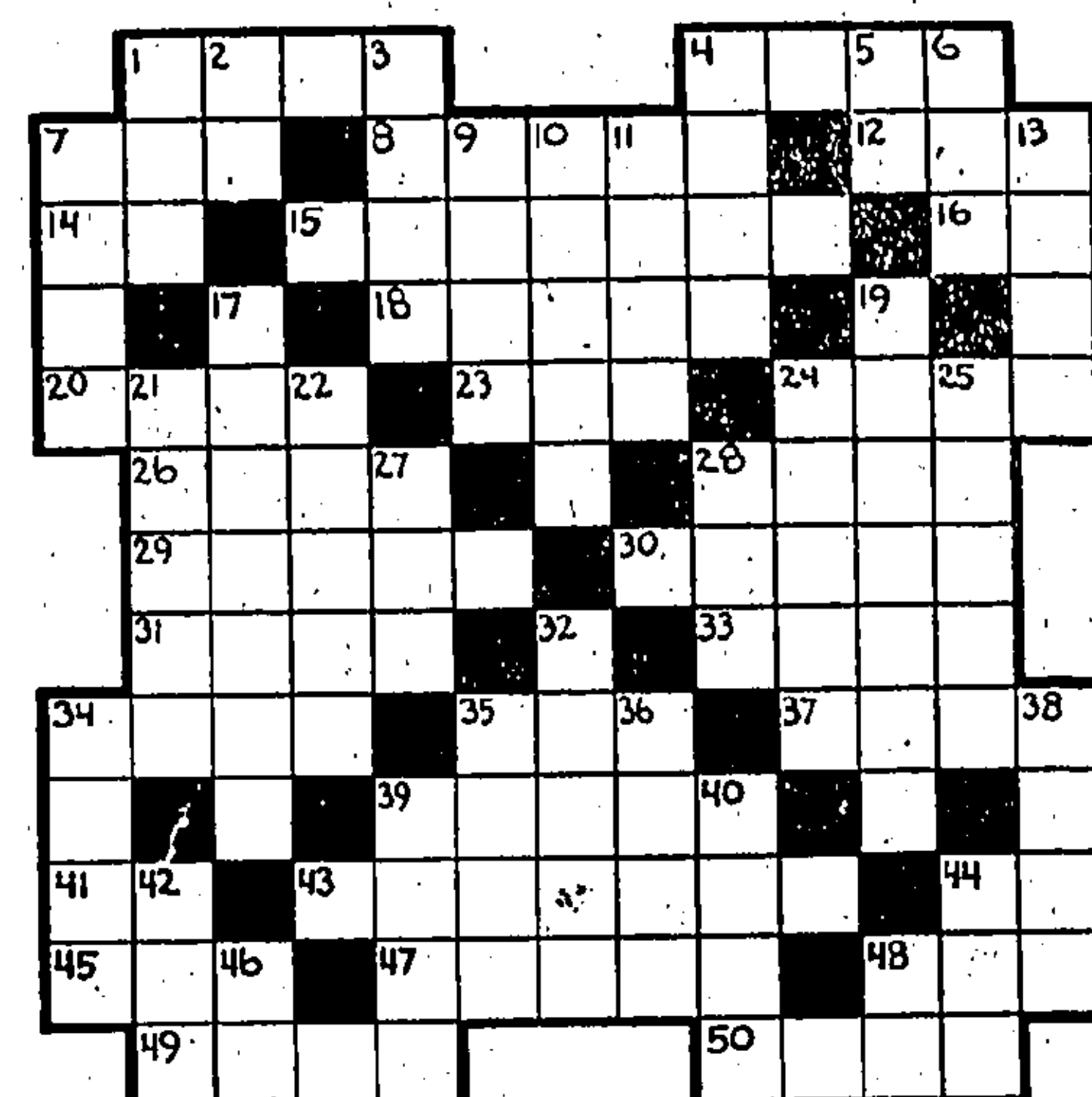
Now, the eighteenth century poets might be sincere, stilted, unimaginative; but they seldom wrote nonsense. It is the peculiar weakness of the romanticists—in the days of Shelley and Keats, and since—that they sometimes give to the world poetry that is quite incomprehensible (though doubtless highly imaginative) and then blame the world for lack of appreciation.

There were two qualities in the eighteenth century poetry which confer upon it a peculiar value. One was the rational point of view which entailed a consistent clarity of thought; the other was an almost meticulous nicety of expression. There is always something finished about it—even in the case of the minor poets whose lack of imagination is apparent. When the poets of the century had anything to say, they were careful above all to say it neatly and clearly; there must be no doubt about it. The thing must be clean-cut, even sparkling; and thus it is that we find so much that is said, as it were, once for all, not only by Pope, but by not a few of his followers.

This was the "Age of Reason," the "Augustan Age," but it was also the Age of Epigram.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1—Upbraid
- 4—To be in state of ebullition
- 7—Personal enemy
- 8—Volatile liquid
- 12—Turf
- 14—Within
- 15—Disintegrated
- 16—To depart
- 18—Wanting in courage
- 20—Large wooden hammer
- 23—Expressive of denial
- 24—Cultivated land
- 26—Carnivorous mammal
- 28—Feed
- 29—A yellow pigment
- 30—Heavy blow (pl.)
- 31—Endeavored
- 32—Dissolve
- 34—Part of boat
- 35—Wager
- 37—Table for writing on

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 39—Vast region of N. Africa
- 41—Comparative suffix
- 43—An awkward violinist
- 44—In a like manner
- 45—A swell (slang)
- 47—An addition
- 48—Have of a wheel
- 49—Slight depression
- 50—Type of vehicle
- 52—Two or more horses

VERTICAL

- 1—20 Hundredweight
- 2—Pronoun
- 3—Theme
- 4—Raised
- 5—Combining form.
- 6—Undressed piece of timber
- 7—Unyielding
- 8—Slim
- 10—To indulge
- 11—Send forth

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 13—Irrevocable destiny
- 17—Questions
- 19—Mutilated
- 21—In a higher place
- 22—Part of a coat
- 24—Penalized
- 25—Reposse
- 27—Set free
- 28—Restrained
- 32—Type of vehicle
- 34—Sharp
- 35—Consumes
- 36—Narrow band of cloth
- 38—Round protuberance
- 39—Land-tax levied in the Shetland Islands
- 40—Immediately succeeding
- 42—Instrument of punishment
- 44—Quantity of money
- 45—To exist
- 48—Expression of joy

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

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S HAIG KARA
S CONSIDERATE L
CORN TRADE ECTO
URE DIC ROBE
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When they chose, these poets had an efficient manner of characterization, as may be seen in Pope's estimate of Addison:
"Blest with each talent and each art to please,
And born to witty converse, live with ease."

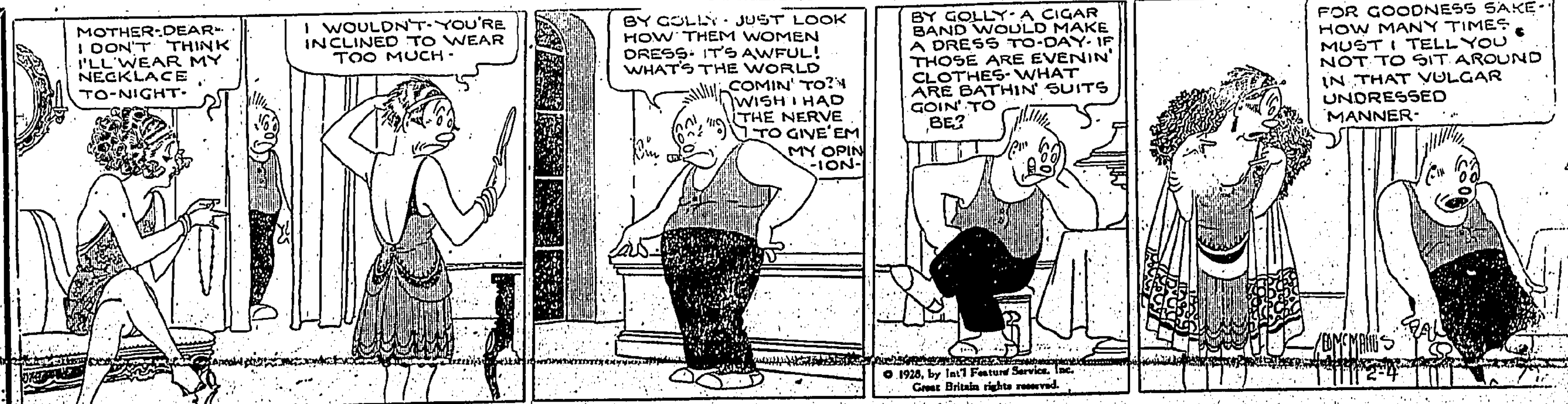
The poet could offer practical advice in an attractive form:
"True ease in writing comes from art, not chance,
As those move easiest who have learned to dance."
"Is not enough no harshness gives offence;
The sound must seem an echo to the sense."

He could, furthermore, propose excellent moral apothegms in unforgettable couplets:
"Honour and shame from no condition rise;
Act well your part, there all the honour lies. . . ."

Worth makes the man, and want of it the fellow;
The rest is all but leather and prunella."
So far Pope, the master; but he had worthy followers. The Ode to Evening, by William Collins, contains some passages of true pastoral beauty, such as even Wordsworth would have approved, couched in a highly original stanza form:

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MOST VALUABLE OF ALL THE ANIMALS.

FROM INDIA.

London, Feb. 1. The Indian rhinoceros at the Zoo is a proud fellow to-day. All the animals, birds and reptiles have been valued by the authorities, and the Indian "rhino" is the most valuable of the lot. He is worth £1,000, a good deal more than any other beast, bird or reptile.

Most people will be surprised at the total value of the animals in the Zoo. The grand total of £34,736 seems so ridiculously small that many wealthy people will want to start a rival Zoo. But it is really exceedingly difficult to say what the Zoo would have to pay if all the animals had to be replaced.

Lions are at a discount. The market is weak, probably because the "bears" have been busy. "Lions," said an authority disgustedly, "are a drug in the market. On the other hand, the tiger market is bright and active."

Small But Valuable.

Eleven lions at the Zoo are only valued at £50 each, whereas £100 is little for a tiger.

Elephants come out of the valuation fairly well. Each of the five at the Zoo are worth £600. A hippopotamus is put down at £300, and "Jimmy," the little hippo, who was bred at the Gardens, and is only one year old, is worth £400. The keepers are exceedingly pleased about that. Two pigmy hippos are each worth the same price.

The whole of the population of monkey hill, which is made up of 74 Hamadryas baboons are valued at £740. These are the sacred baboons of Egypt, and £10 each seems a small price for them. A mountain zebra comes high on the list at £250.

When the curator had to value the reptiles, he must have felt like an assistant in a draper's shop, or the man who weighs out butter in a store, for the pythons are valued by the foot, or the yard, and giant tortoises by their weight. One python was found to be 25 feet. One can imagine the curator singing out: "That will be £75, madame."

The giant tortoise was put on the scale knowing that he would be worth £100 a cwt. He turned the scale at 3 cwt.

The collection of 16 birds of paradise is the most valuable in the world. Each bird is worth £40. King Penguins, as their regal name suggests, do not go begging. Each of the six are worth £75.

The total valuation is made up as follows: Mammals, £24,707; birds, £7,454; fishes, £500; reptiles, £1,525.

It should be mentioned in his favour, that "George," the alligator, is now 90 years old. As he grows older so does he become fatter and bigger, and the bigger and fatter and older he becomes, up goes his price. He now weighs 4 cwt., and is worth a great many more pounds in sterling.

POETRY.

(Continued from Page 10.)

"But when chill blustering winds, or driving rain,
Forbid my willing feet, he mine the hut,
That from the mountain side
Views wilds, and swelling floods,

"And hamlets brown, and dim-discovered spires;
And hears their simple bell, and marks o'er all
The dewy fingers draw
The gradual dusky veil."

Nothing could be more typical of eighteenth-century work, and yet few things in our literature yield to these lines for quiet beauty. The poetry was capable, moreover, of rising at times to a noble dignity. Whether Goldsmith or Doctor Johnson wrote it, we should search far before we could surpass the fine simile at the close of The Deserted Village:

"As some tall cliff that rears its awful form,
Swells from the vale, and midway leaves the storm,
Though round its breast the rolling clouds are spread,
Eternal sunshine settles on its head."

In a time like our own, when there is so much careless writing—so much unbridled sentimentalism, so much unlicensed freedom in subject and utterance—is it not a relief to turn, if only for a moment, to the poetry of the classic age? So neat and choice it is; correct to a nicety; content with the limitations of a severe taste; seeking not to shock to tears or rouse to fury, but quietly to touch the higher emotions through first touching the intellect.

CANCER SCOURGE.

STORIES OF REMARKABLE CURES.

TESTS WITH RATS.

Remarkable cures of cancer—in rats—are described by Dr. Thomas Lumsden in the "Lancet." Dr. Lumsden works at the Lister Institution in London, with a grant from the British Empire Cancer Campaign, and his results during the last few years have been, perhaps, more encouraging than those of any other investigator.

Recently he has studied the way in which the body tries to defend itself against the growth of a cancer. There is always, he considers, an attempt to resist the disease, for cancer is a stranger, whose presence makes the body "angry," though not always angry enough to take effective action.

He finds that the blood of a rat which has a cancerous growth contains a substance actively hostile to that growth, and his object has been to discover how this substance can be increased and the forces of defence reinforced.

When the growth is not very big, he believes that the tissues of the body can fight and win their own battle if they are alive to the danger and angry enough against the intruder.

Usually the development of cancer is insidious and gradual, so that the body never becomes angry until it is too late, and Dr. Lumsden's idea is to force the enemy to show its true colours early in the struggle.

For this purpose he injects into the growth a solution of formalin, which poisons many of the cancer cells, and thus sets free the irritating substances they contain, which were previously masked. These substances are carried away by the blood, and so "infuriate" the rest of the body that in the next week or so there is a sharp pitched battle with the cancerous invader—instead of a long, mild, and unsuccessful campaign.

If the body wins this battle the victory is final, for the armed forces that have been mobilised are never again wholly disbanded.

Astonishing Success.

The idea behind Dr. Lumsden's plan is not, perhaps, new; but his special methods are original and his experiments have been astonishingly successful. Since March of last year he has treated 70 rats with tumours and has cured 54 i.e., 77 per cent. With increasing experience he has had better results, and of the 25 rats treated since October 24, 96 per cent. have been cured.

It would be rash, of course, to assume from these animal experiments that the method would give favourable results in man, and there is no doubt that it could only be used for the smaller tumours which can generally be cured by operation. On the other hand, the time is obviously coming when this kind of treatment must be cautiously tested on human beings.

Dr. Lumsden has at various times been overwhelmed with applications for treatment, which he cannot possibly undertake as his time is wholly occupied in experiment. It is necessary to state, therefore, that his methods, if they should prove to be of practical value, would become freely available to the public through hospitals and the medical profession at large, which would at once employ any new and effective weapon against the disease.

THE PHYSICIAN AND THE SCEPTIC.

"I don't believe in patent medicines," said the sceptic.

"Just what do you mean by 'patent medicines'?" asked the physician.

"Why—er—all secret medicinal preparations," answered the sceptic, "all remedies of which the formula is never divulged. It is senseless to take medicine if you don't know what it contains."

"Of course," suggested the doctor, "you always read a physician's prescription and quite understand what is being given you."

"Well, no," admitted the sceptic. "But then, you see, it is a physician who is prescribing, and who knows what he is about."

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REGT.'S HONOUR.

SOLDIER WHO GAVE HIMSELF UP.

6 MONTHS' OLD CRIME.

For an offence committed six months ago, Robert Hayward, a soldier, was at Brighton Police Court sentenced to six months' hard labour for stealing £50 in a wallet from the pocket of a Brighton hotel proprietor, who had employed him as a waiter.

Since the offence he had joined the Army, but when he told the instructor of the regiment what he had done, the instructor said, "For the honour of the regiment and the honour of yourself you should give yourself up; get yourself clear and start afresh."

He gave himself up to the police in London.

His record was produced, showing that he had been many times convicted.

JOFFRE'S RENT.

MARSHAL DECIDES TO SEEK OTHER QUARTERS.

Paris, Jan. 29. Marshal Joffre, the victor of the Marne, will shortly be turned out of his home like any ordinary citizen. The seven-year lease on which he held his apartment recently expired, and the landlord informed him that the rent would be doubled from July 31.

French Army pensions, even those of a marshal, are not very high, and so Marshal Joffre has no option but to leave.

"Some of my friends tell me to stay where I am, as the law is on my side," he remarked. "Since I am over 70 I cannot be turned out. But I shall not take their advice. When my lease is up I shall go and rest my old bones in some quiet flat or house. I shall leave because I detest lawsuits and legal quibbles."

A letter from Senor Ramirez, a Spaniard who has lived in France for the past forty-seven years, is published in the French newspapers, states an Exchange message, offering Marshal Joffre rent-free accommodation.

"As the owner of properties at Paris (Passy) and at Nice," he writes, "I offer to the glorious Marshal a comfortable apartment at either place at his choice for the rest of his life. If he will honour us by accepting the sunshine of Nice he would be happy, comfortable, and long lived, and we should be greatly obliged to him."

Senor Ramirez occupies the villa L'Aiglon at Nice.

PEARL WHITE.

FORMER HUSBAND FOUND SHOT.

Hollywood.—With a bullet in his head, the police found the body of Major Wallace McCutcheon, former husband of Miss Pearl White, the famous screen star, lying in a hotel room.

A gin bottle lay near by. With it was a message which said "Have a drink."

Mr. Wallace McCutcheon was a New York matinee idol and film star for many years. In 1914 he crossed the Atlantic and joined the British Army as a private and was eventually given a commission.

Six Wounds.

His war record was a very fine one. He was wounded half a dozen times before being invalided out. He was then 21.

It was during the filming of "The Black Secret" that Pearl White—the £600 a week actress—met McCutcheon. They fell in love and married some years ago. Differences, however, arose, and Miss White divorced him in 1922.

After that he disappeared for some time, but later again appeared in Hollywood.

McCutcheon, besides being a very fine actor, was an extremely clever dancer.

STANDARD TIME.

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Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong during March, according to the standard time of the 120th meridian east of Greenwich, is as follows:—

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
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17	6.32	6.33
18	6.31	6.33
19	6.30	6.33
20	6.29	6.34
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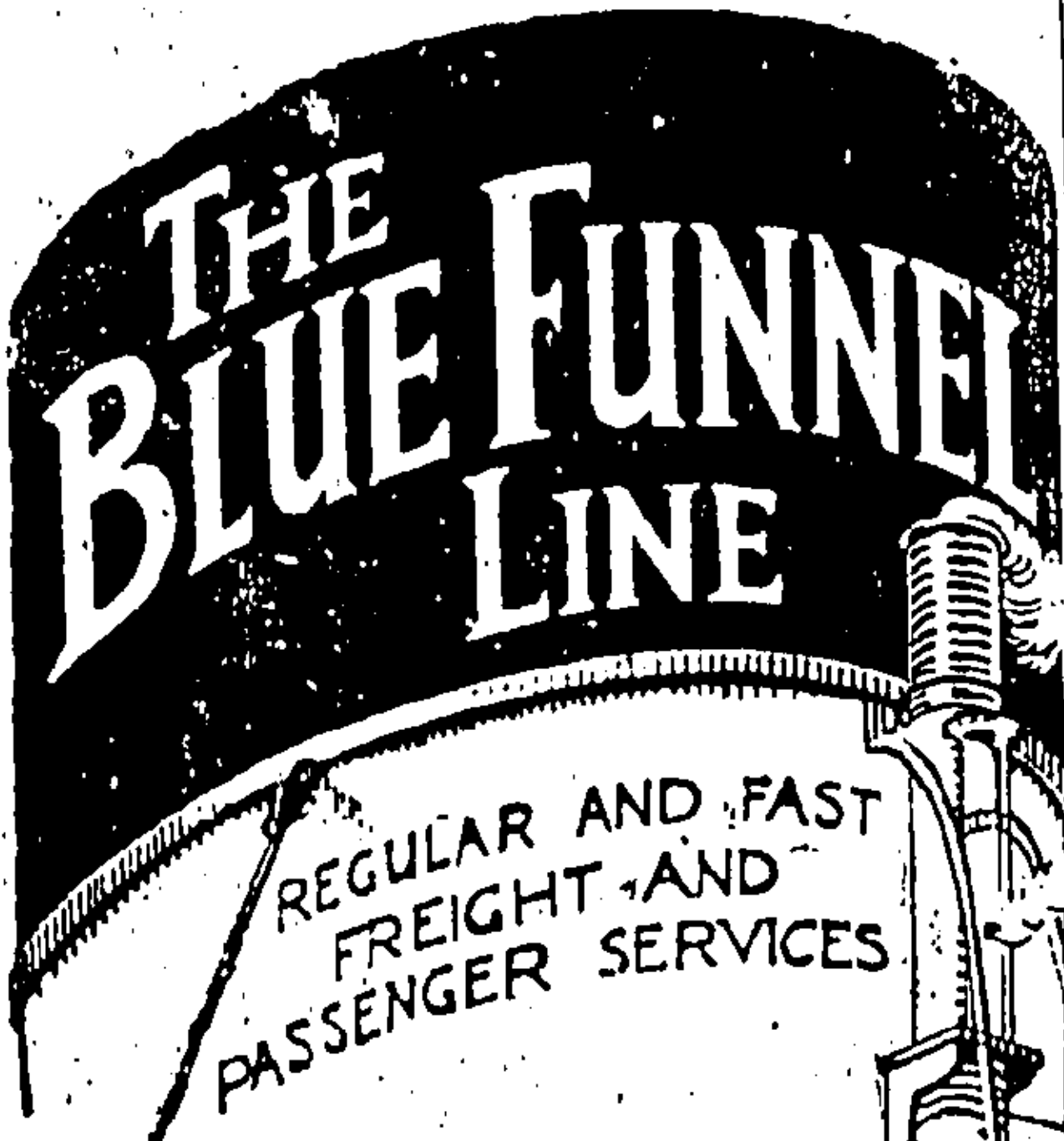
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Eastern Telegraph And Marconi Fusion.

PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENT.

New Holding-Company Subject To Official Agreement.

London, Yesterday. The Eastern and Associated Telegraph Companies and Marconi's wireless telegraph company announce that a provisional arrangement has been reached regarding the fusion of the two companies' interests through the medium of a proposed holding company subject to a satisfactory agreement with the British Government, the Dominions and the Government of India, and also to acceptance by the companies' stockholders and shareholders.

It is added that no announcement of the terms of the arrangement can be made in the meantime as the consummation is dependent upon the above-mentioned conditions.—Reuter.

FIVE MORE DEAD.

COLOMBO-GALLE EXPRESS COLLISION.

DEATH ROLL NOW 26.

Colombo, Yesterday. The death roll in the Galle-Colombo express collision is now twenty-six.—Reuter.

An earlier cable read:—Twenty-one persons were killed in a head-on collision, near Kallatara, 28 miles south of Colombo, between a passenger-train and the Galle-Colombo express. The engine and three carriages of the express were badly damaged and the engine and two carriages of the passenger-train were smashed.

U. S. A. POPULATION.

GAIN OF 14 PER CENT. ESTIMATED.

Washington, Yesterday. Although the next Federal census does not occur before 1930 the Census Bureau estimates the population of the United States on July 1 will be 120,013,000, an increase of 14 per cent. over the census of 1920. Florida shows the largest gain.—Reuter's American Service.

MCCOY BILL.

ELECTION CONTROL REJECTED.

Managua, Yesterday. The House of Representatives, by a majority of 22 votes to 16, rejected the McCoy Bill proposing to authorize United States supervision of the Nicaraguan presidential election in October.—Reuter's American Service.

NEW DIRECTORY.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON SHANGHAI.

"HONGS & HOMES" FOR 1928.

A book of exceptional interest to the business communities of the Far East and of considerable value to the resident of Shanghai has made its appearance in "Hongs & Homes" (1928), the Shanghai section of Rosenstock's business directory of China. The book is indexed and contains detailed information of Hongs, residents' names and addresses, cable addresses, Chinese Hongs names, classified trades and professions, trade agencies and representations, street directory, ladies' section, motoring section, municipal information, plans of Shanghai theatres and detailed information as to other recreations, travel facilities, etc.

The Directory is prefaced with a short description of Shanghai's institutions and report of various trade activities also by some useful maps. No information is given as to out-ports as this is left to the Directory of China now entering its thirty-fourth year. It is purely a Shanghai directory and it certainly appears to contain everything needed both in the home and in the office. Its price is \$5.

WALL ST. ENVIOUS.

An Irish-American Speculator.

STAGES BIG RISE.

Coup In Radio Stock Brings In Fortune.

New York, Yesterday. The whole of Wall Street is enthusiastically admiring the American Irishman, Michael Meehan who, almost single-handed, staged the sensational rise in Radio Corporation stock. Twenty years ago he was selling tickets at a Broadway theatre agency. Yesterday's coup is believed to have yielded him one to three million sterling. Rivals say that "his daring and success has probably never been equalled."—Reuter's American Service.

NO NEWS YET.

HINCHCLIFFE AND HON. ELSIE MACKAY.

TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHT.

London, Yesterday. No further news has been received here of Captain Hinchcliffe and the Hon. Elsie Mackay who left Cranwell in Lincolnshire yesterday morning in an aeroplane in an attempt to fly the Atlantic. They should have been reported from Newfoundland by noon today.—British Wireless Service.

Sinclair Turns Up. London, Yesterday. Gordon Sinclair has emerged from obscurity and visited Mrs. Hinchcliffe. Interviewed by Reuter, Sinclair stated that only a couple of hours before the endeavour was started, Miss Mackay decided to accompany Hinchcliffe. "Now we are waiting anxiously but are still full of hope as Hinchcliffe has frequently referred to the possibility of pushing on to Philadelphia if possible and if the petrol aboard lasts 45 to 50 hours."—Reuter.

CLOUDY AGAIN.

Official Weather Forecast For To-morrow.

The local weather forecast till noon to-morrow is—north-east winds, fresh; generally cloudy. The 'mid-day' weather report states:—The anti-cyclone is probably central over West Manchuria. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the North-China Sea.

red to the possibility of pushing on to Philadelphia if possible and if the petrol aboard lasts 45 to 50 hours."—Reuter.

Close Watch Kept.

London, Yesterday. Captain Hinchcliffe, the well-known British airman who left the aerodrome at Croydon on a flight for an unknown destination yesterday, was seen off the Irish coast yesterday afternoon. He is believed to be heading for Newfoundland, 1,800 miles away, to be the first airman to cross the Atlantic direct in an aeroplane. His effort was kept a close secret. A report from Newfoundland states that weather is favourable. A close watch is being kept for the airman from land and by the fishing fleets engaged in operations 200 miles off the coast.—British Wireless Service.

Possible Clue.

London, Yesterday. The only news possibly bearing on Hinchcliffe's whereabouts was received from the Western Union Cable Company operator at Hearts Content, Newfoundland, to the effect that the Company's repairer says he saw a plane passing in a north-westerly direction between Kellingrews and Holyrood at 6.32 Greenwich Mean Time in the locality of 70 miles south of St. Johns.

Accompanied By Pilot.

Hinchcliffe's agent stated to-day (Continued at foot of preceding Column.)

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The clearing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/0 3/16.

MR. H. HOOVER.

Sensation in House of Representatives.

SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS.

Commerce Secretary's Resignation Demanded.

Washington, Yesterday. Mr. Brand (Republican) Ohio, caused a sensation at a crowded meeting of the House of Representatives by demanding the resignation of Mr. Hoover, the Secretary of Commerce, on the ground that his office is honey-combed with politics and that Mr. Hoover had been largely financing his presidential campaign from the Federal Treasury. He instanced Mr. Hoover's recent appointment of the Assistant Secretary of Commerce who he (Mr. Brand) asserted, was now running Mr. Hoover's campaign in Ohio.—Reuter's American Service.

BERT HINKLER.

RECEIVES A CHEQUE FOR £2,000.

CANBERRA'S WELCOME.

Canberra, Yesterday. Bert Hinkler has landed here. He received a tumultuous reception and was presented with a cheque for £2,000 by Mr. Bruce on behalf of the Australian Government.—Reuter.

MOTOR CYCLE COLLISION.

About 6.10 p.m. yesterday, a rather serious motor accident occurred in Nathan-road just past Granville-road, when motor cycle No. 960, ridden by Mr. B. Wong, collided with motor cycle No. 990, ridden by two Portuguese sailors. Mr. B. Wong was carrying a pillion rider, Mr. Francis Zimmerman, who was injured on the legs.

The Japanese Ambassador and Baroness Matsui, Viscountess Eltham, Sir Laurence and Lady Guillemard, Sir Edwin and Lady Stockton, and Lady Gershom Stewart were among the guests of the Marchioness of Londonderry at a reception at Londonderry House, Park-lane, to meet the Prime Minister on February 6.

that it can be taken for granted that the pilot Gordon Sinclair is accompanying Hinchcliffe. "As regards Miss Mackay, I do not know what to think."

Mrs. Sinclair has heard nothing from her husband.—Reuter.

Poor Visibility.

New York, Yesterday. Although a sharp lookout is being kept on ships at sea and wireless stations on the coast between here and New Foundland nothing had been heard of Hinchcliffe up to 10 this morning. Favourable weather was reported last night off Nova Scotia, but the liner "Celtic," 500 miles from New York, wireless she was running into a northerly gale.

A message from Boston reports poor visibility and dense fog on the New England coast.—Reuter's American Service.

St. Johns, Newfoundland, Yesterday.

At noon the weather was fine with north-westerly winds of increasing force. There is no news of Hinchcliffe.—Reuter.

Lord Inchcape's House.

London, Yesterday. At 8 o'clock this morning there had been no news received in London of Hinchcliffe, who is flying to New York.

The staff of Lord Inchcape's town house waited all night long for news of Lord Inchcape's daughter, the Hon. Elsie Mackay, as she had not returned and nothing had been heard of her.

Thus the report that she was accompanying Hinchcliffe as relief pilot—which she denied last week—is apparently true.—Reuter.

Nothing Heard.

St. Johns, Newfoundland, Yesterday.

At 6 o'clock this morning the weather was fine and clear and favourable for flying, but the wireless stations had heard nothing of Hinchcliffe during the night.—Reuter.

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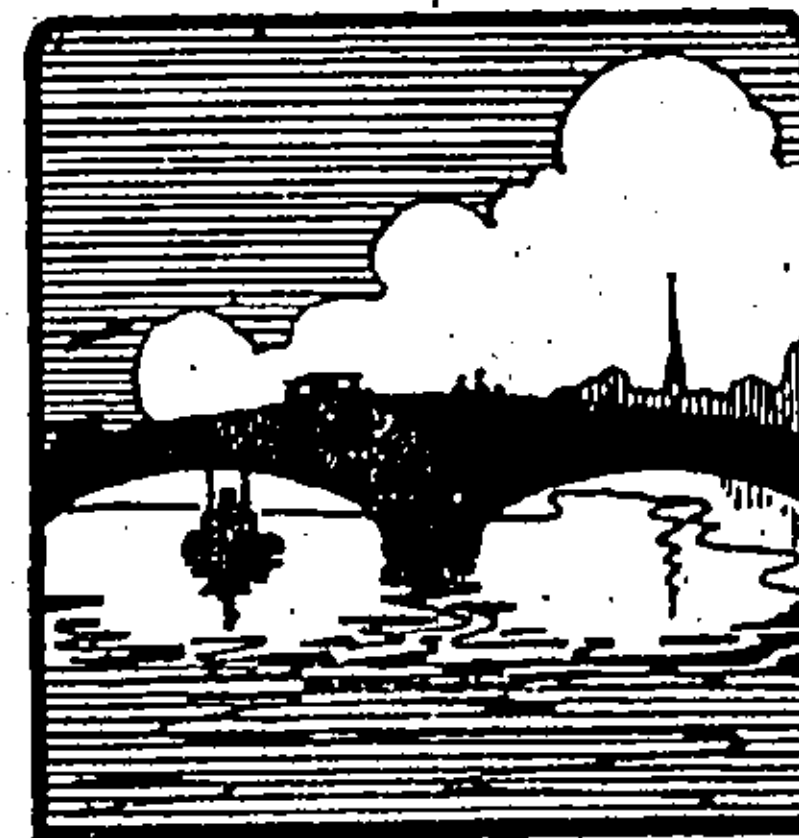
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